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1. The Rumanian Government frequently has refused to pay for goods and services furnished it by private individuals.
2. Individuals who have supplied materials and equipment to the Ministry of National Defense have been threatened with arrest if they demanded payment.
3. Following public announcement that the Rumanian Government wished to purchase X-ray equipment, a physician offered to sell his entire equipment to the state. His installations, which was one of the most modern in the country, was valued at five million lei. The physician was asked to deliver his equipment, payment therefore to be made at once. After delivering his equipment the physician received in payment a "requisition bond" together with the threat that if he protested he would be arrested as a "capitalist" and a "saboteur of the interests of the state".
4. A construction company, formed by a group of engineers, contracted to erect buildings for the Rumanian Government. Upon completion of the contract the Rumanian authorities owed this company 4,000,000 lei but paid only 200,000 lei. The owners of the construction company then proved by documents that they had paid out 3,650,000 lei for materials, salaries and wages. They were unsuccessful, however, in securing further payments and were threatened with arrest as "saboteurs" if they persisted in their efforts to do so. Creditors of the construction company nevertheless brought suit to force payment of its debts.

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